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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: METHOD OF FORMING CERAMIC CAPILLARY RIB, CERAMIC PASTE USED THEREFOR, AND APPARATUS

FOR FORMING SAME

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, lines 8-12- please replace the paragraph with the following text:

The second conventional forming method is shown in Fig. 23, in which it is necessary to make a coating of a photosensitive film for forming the resist layer, and to carry out complicated steps such as exposure and development. Another inconvenience is that removal of most of the pattern forming layer by sand blasting requires a large amount of material for the pattern forming layer.

Page 7, lines 2-22, please replace the paragraph with the following text: